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USDA/FSIS Hearing Clerk
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Re: Docket # 98-045N

Dear Sirs:

Food Safety is an issue that concerns all of us. The more people know, the more concerned they are. If the public took the time to learn about what goes into the creation of foods they put into their bodies, you would be bombarded with letters like this one.

A vegetarian since the age of 13, I am conscientious about what I eat and what it was exposed to before it landed in my refrigerator. With an unhappy awareness of factory farming, I am writing to ask you to please consider the care and treatment of the livestock that contribute, one way or another, to food production. From being fed diseased or spoiled carrion and potentially dangerous chemicals to being brutally handled or left to suffer after injury to being maintained and transported in inhumane and unhygienic conditions...animals endure horrible things for human profit and convenience.

Please incorporate mandatory safeguards for the animals involved in food production through every stage of their lives and deaths.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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